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In re Application of Hlavac et al.

Application No. 10/659,007

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Decision on Petition

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.181 filed July 18, 2008, requesting the Office withdraw the holding of abandonment.

The petition is granted.

The Office mailed a non-final Office action on December 31, 2007.

On July 3, 2008, petitioner filed a reply to non-final Office action along with payment for a three-month extension of time. The reply included a certificate of mailing in compliance with 37 CFR 1.8(a). The certificate of mailing is dated June 30, 2008. Therefore, the reply was timely filed.

On an unknown date, the reply filed July 3, 2008, was matched with the file.

On July 10, 2008, the Office mailed a Notice of Abandonment stating the application was abandoned because the Office had not received a reply to the non-final Office action. However, as stated above, the Office had received such a reply. Therefore, the Notice of Abandonment is hereby vacated and the holding of abandonment withdrawn.

Technology Center Art Unit 3714 will be informed of the instant decision and the application, including the papers filed July 3, 2008, will be further examined in due course.

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